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17. Shri S. V. Giri,
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18. Shri S. M. Patankar,
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19. Dr. Kamla Prasad,
Secretary & Commissioner,
Rural Development Department,
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Patna.

20. Shri S. S. Meenakshi Sundram,
Secretary,
Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

21. Smt. Nirmala Buch,
Secretary (Rural Development),
Rural Development Department,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

22. Shri B. N. Sahay,
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Scarcity of housing funds in Andhra Pradesh

2283. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Ministre of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that scarcity of funds has affected housing schemes in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide additional funds to meet the scarcity of housing funds in that state: if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Land Development Bank loans for non-land based activities

2284. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have since modified the law to enable Land Development Bank

to advance loans for non-land based activities;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when all State Governments likely to modify the Laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The matter relating to framing of laws in respect of activities of land development banks is a State subject. State Governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Haryana have so far modified their laws so as to enable these banks to advance loans for non-land based activities. States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have initiated action to amend their laws in this regard. The position in respect of other States is not clear. Some States feel that no amendment in these laws is required because they are empowered under the present laws to issue notification for allowing land development banks to advance loans for purposes other than land based activities also. It is not possible to prescribe a time limit by which all the State Governments are likely to modify these laws.

Shortage of drinking water in Vasant Vihar

2285. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government employees residing in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi are facing great difficulty due to acute shortage of drinking water;

(b) whether it is also a fact some residents of the colony have been demanding extension of over-head water tanks so as to increase the storing capacity of tanks;

(c) whether any representations have been received by the CPWD authorities in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon and by when relief is likely to be provided to the residents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The residents of Vasant Vihar have made a request for increasing the capacity of over-head tanks due to inadequate supply of drinking water.

It is felt that the existing over-head tanks are of adequate capacity. Besides any increase in the storing capacity of these tanks is not likely to give relief to the residents so long as the water supply in Delhi as a whole does not improve.

कृषि उत्पाद के लागत मूल्य में कमी किया जाना

2286. श्री रशीद मसूद :
श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कृषि मेले के उद्घाटन के अवसर पर पंजाब के मुख्य सचिव द्वारा सरकार का ध्यान इस बात की ओर दिलाया गया कि कृषि उत्पाद के लागत मूल्य में कमी की जानी चाहिए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या उपाय किये हैं ; और